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POISON GAS BAN THE NEXT MOVE

Arms Conference Will Discuss That Part of Warfare During Next Week

RULES ON SUBMARINES

Have Been Adopted--300,000 Protest Against "Sub" Warfare.

By Carl D. Groat.
(United Press Service).
Washington, Jan. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Poison gas as a weapon of war was barred by the arms conference today.

The five great powers, the U. S., Great Britain, Japan, France and Italy approved the resolution drawn by Elihu Root and backed by the American delegation.

All the nations of the world placing a strict ban on later will be asked to subscribe to the resolution, the adoption of which by the five powers marks another triumph for the United States in leading the world to an effective limitation of armament.

United Press Staff Correspondent
Washington, Jan. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—The arms conference today was driving ahead rapidly in its task of killing the vipers of war.

Having taken the sting from submarine warfare, the committee hopes to conclude its work by placing a ban on the use of poison gas in warfare.

At the same time the Shantung railway impasse waited action from Secretary Hughes and Arthur J. Balfour. The Chinese said they would consult them before Monday in the hope of some action—perhaps actual edictation—to unravel the snarl.

Acceptance of the poison gas ban by all the powers was deemed likely, though the Root resolution runs counter to the views of most of the experts who have had a hand in reports to the full committee.

The U. S. and Italy already have approved it.

The American group doubted that any nation would hold out permanently against this rule any more than any nation dared to risk world disapproval by avowing itself in favor of the German brand of submarine warfare.

The forenoon session was expected however to elicit some divergence of opinion.

It is apparent the American delegation now is taking the lead in the move to abolish the "vipers of war."

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AT KOHR SCHOOL

Union Township Community Club Plans Good Program Tuesday Evening

A MUSICAL COMEDY

And Debate Are Headliners Community Singing Led by Professor Gotch.

The January meeting of the Union Township Community club will be held Tuesday evening, January 10, at the Kohr school house, and the program committee has arranged for a most interesting entertainment. Special features will be the debate on the subject, "Resolved That the Dairy Herd is More Profitable Than the Beef Herd," and the musical comedy, "Blowing Out the Light," by four young people of the township. The entire program follows:

Musical—Lehman Orchestra.
Community Singing—Led by Professor Gotch, musical director.

Miscellaneous business and announcements.

Debate—Resolved: "That the Dairy Herd is More Profitable Than the Beef Herd." Affirmative, Christ Boake, Ammi Miller and Herman Kukulhan; negative, Otto Holle, Otto Bleeke and Adolph Schammerloh.

Community Singing.
Musical Comedy—"Blowing Out the Light." Eliza Bleeke, Margaret Bleeke, Herman Bleeke and Carl Reinking.

Miss Maude Howard left last evening for her home in Van Buren to spend the week end.

WILL STRIKE TUESDAY.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Renewal of Chicago's building trades strike was ordered today to start next Tuesday.

The strike will again tie up all Chicago buildings, which was at a standstill for nearly a year.

Union leaders let it be known that the strike call was intended as taking up the open shop gauntlet thrown down by the "citizens' committee," formed ostensibly to enforce the Landis' wage award. The committee is merely a cloak for the open shop, campaign union heads claimed.

RECEIVER ASKED

Affairs of Burdick Tire & Rubber Co., Noblesville, Are Badly Tangled

ACCORDING TO STORY

In City Papers—Huntington Men Defendants—Several Stockholders Here.

The following article taken from the Indianapolis News will be of interest to our readers as several people in this county are stockholders in the Burdick Tire and Rubber company.

"Calvin C. Miller and Joseph Lowman of Preble county, O., stockholders in the Burdick Tire and Rubber Company, of Noblesville, have filed in the federal court suit for receivership against the tire company on behalf of themselves and other stockholders. In addition to the company the plaintiffs name as defendants H. G. Steinbrenner of Huntington, president; Charles R. Haller, of Huntington; R. E. Rice and Henry Deck of Noblesville, directors in the company.

"It is charged in the complaint that these men, together with S. E. Teachout, of Chicago, vice president and general manager, and H. P. Steinbrenner, of Chicago, secretary and treasurer, have employed objectionable methods in conducting the business of the tire company. It is charged that these men have made false and fraudulent representation in their efforts to sell the stock of the company.

"The complaint further avers that the company was incorporated under the laws of Delaware on March 22, 1917 with an authorized capital stock of \$1,000,000 and that the capital stock later was increased to \$5,000,000. It is averred that since qualifying to do business in Indiana in December, 1919, the company has filed only one report with the secretary of state.

"The plaintiffs further say the company has a large and valuable manufacturing establishment at Noblesville, which never has been operated fully, and which, they say, under the present circumstances the company would be unable to operate. The complaint says that no business has ever been carried on by the company. It avers that creditors of the company have filed a mechanics' lien on the buildings and property of the company.

"It is said that the company last June gave its deed of trust to the Fort Dearborn Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago, to secure an issue of \$250,000 worth of bonds bearing 8 percent interest.

"The complaint asks the court to order an accounting of the affairs of the company and to appoint a receiver without notice."

VIOLATE REVENUE LAWS.

South Bend, Ind., Jan. 7.—Hundreds of Indiana retailers are unknowingly or otherwise violating the internal revenue laws. Retailers of cigars under a provision of the revenue law are forbidden to take cigars from a box and place them on the counter for a customer. The law requires that the box must be placed so that the customer may pick the cigar from it. The real object of this provision of the revenue law is to prevent the refilling of cigar boxes and the possible substitution of one brand for another.

MONROE-DECATUR GAME

IS POSTPONED ONE DAY

The game of basketball between the Decatur high school and the Monroe high school teams, announced for Tuesday evening at the gym has been postponed until Wednesday. One of the Monroe players is suffering from an injured back, and the postponement was asked by Monroe fans. Those holding tickets will be entitled to admission to the Wednesday night game.

FIRST COPY OUT

International Auctioneer, Published in Decatur Sends Out First Number

TWENTY-FOUR PAGES

Containing Many Features of Interest to Men of That Profession.

The first copy of the International Auctioneer, official magazine for the men of that profession and the only paper of its kind printed in the world, was put out today by the new owners in this city, the Heller Publishing Co., and will be published the first of each month from this city.

It is a twenty-four page magazine, printed on excellent paper and the front page is a snappy one carrying a picture of a youngster, representing the New Year, wearing an auctioneer's hat and pointing to the first page of his book which carries prosperity for the auctioneers for the year, 1922.

Features of the first issue are "Foreword" by Col. Reppert, Autobiography of Col. Woods, "a leader in the game; letters from Governor McCray and Governor Small; letters from the boys; a woman's page, wit and philosophy by O. L. Vance; and numerous other interesting pages. The circulation of the paper extends to every state in the union and over Canada and efforts to increase this will be made at once. The paper sells for one dollar per year and is concluding its twenty-fourth year, having been published heretofore in Chicago and Peoria.

FORM NEW COMPANY.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—You can insure yourself against loss of eye sight now—except by Alcoholism.

A group of Fort Wayne men organized the Mutual Eye Indemnity company and for \$17.50 agree to insure a person's sight for a life time. Loss of one eye gets the insured \$1,000; both eyes \$5,000.

Taking into consideration the blinding effect of wood alcohol in poisoned liquor, the company refused to insure against blindness from that source.

HAD GOOD MEETING

South Ward Parent-Teachers Held Interesting Session at School Building

GEOGRAPHY LESSON

By Miss Mutschler and Seventh and Eighth Grade Students—Meet Friday.

The Parent-Teachers' Club of the South Ward held their fourth meeting Thursday evening at the school building.

The new electric lighting system was installed this week and the entire building was brilliantly lighted. The patrons, friends and teachers expressed their hearty thanks and appreciation to Superintendent Worthman and the school board, for their prompt response to the needs of the community. They feel that the school will become a real community center.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Anderson and a few minutes spent in community singing. Mr. Worthman then took charge of the program. He spoke of the duty of the parents in developing the child and the equipment that is needed to do this in the best way. He gave as a demonstration a "Picture lesson of engineering feats in Panama Canal zone."

Miss Mutschler, geography teacher, at the Central building, conducted the lesson with a class of seventh and eighth grade students. She was assisted by Mrs. Guy Brown. The lantern and slides used belong to the Central building, the slides are part of the "600 set."

The lesson was well conducted and everyone present was interested, many of them took part in the discussion. Mr. Worthman discussed the lesson and arrangements were made to have two lanterns for the next meeting. One to show slides for the children downstairs, while the adults were having their upstairs.

The ladies are planning to meet at the school house next Friday afternoon at two o'clock to make curtains for the rest room. They would like to have as many as possible attend and assure them a hearty welcome and a good time.

SENATOR CALDER BALKS

Washington, Jan. 7.—The champion invitation bearer to President Harding, Senator Calder of New York, has balked. During his almost daily call at the White House since March 4 he has asked the president to attend probably fifty banquets and conventions in New York.

"So he declared war today, when White House reporters asked him if the Lady Hack Drivers of Brooklyn had renewed their request that President Harding attend their annual convention.

"I'm through extending invitations," he announced. "I send them in by mail now."

CONNER A BAD ONE

Delaware Sheriff State That Younger of Auto Thieves Has a Bad Record

TAKEN TO DELAWARE

Car Will Remain at Schug-Mettler Garage Until Owner Comes After It.

The sheriff of Delaware, O., arrived here Friday at 12:57 over the Erie, and returned over the same road with Virgil Schaney and Orley Conner, the two young men arrested Thursday afternoon eight miles south of Decatur, after an exciting chase, and who confessed to stealing an Overland touring car at Delaware, O.

The Delaware official stated that Schaney had heretofore had an excellent reputation in and about Delaware, but that Conner, whose home is at Marion, O., had been in trouble before, and was considered a bad character. The sheriff told local officers that Conner had been employed on the farm of F. M. Mitchell, eight miles north of Marion and that he stole Mr. Mitchell's Buick six car, a revolver and \$35 in money; that the car had been driven to Delaware and at that place it was wrecked. After this incident, Conner took another Buick belonging to A. B. Shaw at Delaware, and with Schaney, started to leave that town. At the boundary lines of the city, this car was also wrecked. The two lads then went back into town and took the Overland which they abandoned at the Wild Cat school house east of Berne Thursday afternoon and which caused their arrest.

The car is still at the Schug-Mettler garage at Berne, and the sheriff gave instructions to Deputy Baker to see that it was held there until the owner bearing the proper credentials, could call for it within a few days.

A BABE AT AUCTION

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—An unborn babe was offered to the highest bidder today by a mother or who already has six little ones.

The woman who lives in a small Nebraska town asked an Omaha newspaper to "conduct the auction" for her. She asked that her name not be used and that her wishes will be respected. Offers for the child are to be sent to the newspaper and the transmitted to the prospective mother.

FOLK GAMES GIVEN

Also Vestal Virgin Drill and Other Things of Interest Given By the

LITERARY DEP'T.

Of Woman's Club—Monday Evening at the Masonic Hall.

With the Literary Department of the Woman's club in charge, a splendid program will be given Monday evening at the Masonic hall. The program "Myths and Folk Lore" will be splendidly carried out by the pupils of the Riley Building, who will give a number of Folk Games. Some of the high school girls will give the Vestal Virgin Drill which from historical standpoint is considered very educational. There will be several other features of interest in the program. The committee is composed of the following chairman, Miss Martha Tynen, Mesdames Katherine France, Mina Annen and the Misses Anna Carlisle, Ruth Parrish and Matilda Sellemeyer.

IS BELIEVED ILL

Relatives of Ed Whitfeldt, Well Known Farmer, Are Worried Over Absence

WRITES TO HIS WIFE

And Says She May Never See Him Again—Last Seen in Fort Wayne.

Relatives and friends of Ed Whitfeldt, well known farmer, living about eight miles northeast of this city, are greatly worried over his disappearance. He left home Thursday morning with a neighbor for Fort Wayne, and decided to remain there over night. Yesterday Mrs. Whitfeldt received a strange letter from him, stating that she would probably never see him again unless he had good luck.

He wrote a word to each of his six children asking them to be good to their mother and assist her in taking care of things. He owns a sixty acre farm and has always been a most excellent citizen. Inquiries at Fort Wayne bring information that he was last seen on Harrison street going towards the Pennsylvania depot. He wore blue overalls and was not dressed for a trip and it is feared he has become ill. He had about thirty dollars with him.

MUSICIAN IS HELD.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Tarodino Mazzari, director of the orchestra for the Chicago opera company, was held by police for questioning today in connection with the attempted suicide of a girl who gave the name of Carola Beuchler.

The girl took poison at a hotel room where she had registered as Miss E. C. Williams. She left a note addressed to Joseph Carlson, Rockford, claiming "that orchestra leader" for her troubles. The letter called on Carlson to "keep his oath and promise" leading police to believe the girl meant a suicide pact.

Mazzari claimed he had met the girl only twice when she called on him to ask for money.

Henry A. Borns of Route 10, was in town on business this afternoon.

INSTALL OFFICERS

Pocahontas Lodge Had Interesting Session at Hall on Friday Evening

MRS. BLACK PRESIDENT

Mrs. Grace Reynolds, Installing Officer—Officers Serve Six Months.

Members of the Pocahontas lodge held a most interesting session at their hall Friday evening, officers for the next six months being installed. Mrs. Grace Reynolds was the installing officer, and all officials will serve for the period of six months, with the exception of the keeper of records and the keeper of wampum, who will serve during the entire year. Malina West who was elected Wenonah, was unable to be present at the meeting, and she will be installed next week. The officers who will serve during the term are:

Pocahontas—Minnie Black.
Prophetess—Blanch Knodle.
Powhatan—S. E. Black.
Keeper of Records—Blanch White.

Keeper of Wampum—Rosina Lord.
First Scout—Clara Breiner.
Second Scout—Edith Moyer.
First Runner—Rebecca Eady.
Second Runner—Stella Niblick.
First Counsellor—A. H. Moyer.
Second Counsellor—Alva Buftenbarger.

Guard of Tepee—Nettie Aurand.
Guard of Forest—Grace Reynolds.
First Warrior—Helen Keck.
Second Warrior—Georgia Breiner.
Third Warrior—Bertha Buftenbarger.

Fourth Warrior—Frances Smith.
Trustees—Kannie Fristoe, Clara Breiner and J. M. Breiner.
Pianist—Jessie Fry.
Wenonah—Malins West.

The past year has been a good one for the Pocahontas lodge, and they have prospered greatly. The membership has been greatly increased, and their social meetings have developed a spirit of fraternity that has not existed in previous years.

LENINE TO CONFER.

Cannes, Jan. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Nicolai Lenine, once the dictator of Russian revolution and now head of the Soviet government, will meet allied premiers and possibly a representative of America face to face at Genoa at an economic conference in March, Lloyd George believes.

The British premier is said to have assurances that Russia will meet the conditions laid down by the supreme council for its participation in the proposed conference and that Lenine and Tchitcherin, his foreign minister, will appear in person.

DEFEAT AUBURN

Decatur High School Boys and Girls Basketball Team Win Games

STAGED LAST NIGHT

With Auburn Boys and Girls—Both Contests Prove Thrillers.

The Decatur high school boys and girls basketball teams added another double victory to their list in the contests staged at the Athletic hall last evening, the boys varsity defeating the Auburn team by a score of 26 to 13 and the local girls defeating the Auburn girls by a score of 18 to 9. A large number of fans witnessed the game last evening, every seat in the hall being filled and many forced to use the standing room.

Both games were well played and proved interesting throughout. The boys game took on interest from the start, the visitors registering two field goals within three minutes of play which dampened the spirit of the locals for a short time. The locals were given several free throws which tied the score at 4 to 4, and then opened up with their first marker from the field, putting them in the lead. The locals held the lead throughout the first half which ended with the score standing 9 to 5.

The second half proved equally as thrilling as the first period, the locals opening up at the start, registering a field goal from the tap off. Both sides fought hard the locals setting the pace and held the lead at all times. At the middle of the period, three substitutes were sent in to replace the Auburn men who stirred things up for awhile, coming within a few points of tying the score. The locals again let loose, registering baskets from all corners of the floor and secured a comfortable lead which could not be overcome, the final score ending 26 to 13 in favor of the locals.

The girls game also proved interesting but as usual everything went in favor of the locals, who jumped into the lead at the start and held it throughout, the first half resulting 10 to 3 in their favor. The second half proved a real battle, the visitors doing a little better than the first half but were forced to retire with the score standing 18 to 9 in favor of the locals. Melvina Butler proved the big factor on the local team, she registering everyone of the eighteen points registered.

DAIL RATIFIES TREATY.

DUBLIN, Ireland, Jan. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—The Dail Eirean tonight ratified the Anglo-Irish peace treaty 64 to 37.

HOW ABOUT THIS GIRLS?

Saturday night at Bryant, the Bryant high school girls' basketball team will play the Decatur girls' team at Bryant. The girls team at Bryant, which is a fit rival for the excellent boys team of that place, have been playing in remarkable form so far this season and it is expected they will defeat Decatur. So far they have not met with defeat and were only defeated once last year, and that by Decatur.—Portland Republican.

Alf Hirshy of Berne, Ind., was in Decatur this afternoon on business.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Indiana: Fair tonight, somewhat colder in northwest portion; Sunday cloudy.
Lower Michigan: Fair tonight and Sunday, slowly rising temperature, moderate south and southwest winds.
Upper Michigan: Fair tonight and Sunday, slowly rising temperature.

THE COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Will Be Held in Berne on Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25

PRINCIPALS' MEETING

Held at Office of County Superintendent Christen This Morning.

The county basketball tournament will be held in the new auditorium at Berne Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25, one week before the district tournament in this city March 3 and 4. This was one of the matters decided at the meeting of the high school principals held in this city at 10 o'clock this morning at the office of County Superintendent E. S. Christen, and at which every school was represented. Those attending were J. D. L. Cline of Decatur; J. C. L. Whiteman, Pleasant Mills; C. O. Lehman, Berne; R. J. Mann, Pleasant Mills; L. B. Sawyer, Monmouth; Catherine Christen, Kirkland; Don Collum and Edgar Haffner, Geneva; Clyde Hendricks, Monroe and Clifton Striker of Hartford township.

Mr. Christen presided at the meeting and Miss Rose Moyer acted as secretary. Principals Lehman, Cline, Hendricks and Huff, will compose the committee having in charge the county basketball tournament.

Spelling matches will be held in the schools of the county dates to be arranged later. Messrs. Collum, Worthman and Christen will have charge of the spelling programs, and the same rules and regulation that were used last year will apply again this year. The committee will meet February 4 and make final plans for the meets.

Berne has issued a challenge to any high school for a debating contest, and plans were also discussed concerning a musical and an oratorical contest. Members of the committee appointed for this purpose are J. D. L. Cline, C. O. Lehman, Don Collum, J. C. L. Whiteman and Clyde Hendricks.

School spirit in Adams county at this time is excellent, and wherever the various contests are held, a large crowd of pupils and patrons will attend.

STATE FAIR HEADS

United Press Staff Correspondent
Indianapolis, Jan. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Appointment heads for the state fair September 4 to 9 were announced today. They are: Charles L. Smith, Montpelier, parking police; Linn Wilson, of Jonesboro, horses; U. C. Brouse, of Kendallville, sheep.

GOES TO LONDON

Iradore Kalver Will Sail Saturday on Trip to London, England

FOR WEIL BROTHERS

Expects to Be Absent Five Weeks on Selling Trip for the Fur Firm.

Isadore Kalver, former citizen here and for a year or more a member of the well known fur house, Weil Brothers Company of Fort Wayne and New York, will leave next Saturday, the 14th, on a business trip to London and other points in Europe, according to a telegram received this afternoon by his father, Barney Kalver, of this city.

Mr. Kalver moved to New York City about a month ago and has charge of the store for his firm in that city. The telegram today says: "Please file an affidavit before a notary public giving the date and place of my birth as I am leaving for London, England, the 14th. Expect to be gone five weeks. Do this at once as I cannot get passports without this certificate. Will write before I leave. Isadore."

The affidavit was forwarded this afternoon. Weil Brothers have an extensive foreign trade and Mr. Kalver will probably make frequent trips abroad during the next few years.

Victor Uhlman and sons, Fred, Herman and Clarence, of Route 8, were business visitors here today.

Mrs. Mary Heckman of Route 8, shopped in the city today.